MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : (*a*) About two years and a half.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) 18-8-1107.

(*d*) Due to financial stringency.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) On 8-9-1933 the estimate has not been received.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know from the member in answer to part (*f*), whether any reminder has been sent to the R. W. D. for the submission of the estimate since 8-9-1933 ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction*) : I believe so.

Sales Depot in Bombay

15. *MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the expenditure incurred on account of the establishment of the Sales Depot in Bombay in 1109 and in 1110, till the end of Kumbham ; and

(*b*) the kind and quantities of articles marketed so far (up to 3-9-1110) through its agency ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) :

(*a*)	1109 ...	Rs.	507-13-0
	1110 up to the end of 7/1110 ...	Rs.	1,446-10-6
(*b*)	1. Chashewnuts ...		726 cases of 50 lbs. each.
	2. Ivory & Lacquer works worth ...	Rs.	644-15-6
	3. Teapoys & Lace ...	Rs.	279-10-9
	4. Silk ...	Rs.	205-9-4
	5. Silver and other ornamental articles ...	Rs.	133-14-0
	6. Screwpine, coir mats & mattings ...	Rs.	1,705-12-6

MR. G. NILAKANTAN (*Nominated*) : May I know from the member, whether in the pay of the establishment charges, the pay of the agent is also included ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : In view of that answer, may I know the amount spent on the Sales Depot as such excluding the pay of the Trade Agent in 1109 ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : The appointment of the Trade Agent was made towards the end of 1109. So the amount spent on the whole for the establishment is only stated.

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MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know what was the amount disbursed towards the salary of the Agent in 1109, if any amount has been disbursed to him at all ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : The answer is there.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : The answer does not say that. So, may I know what was the amount given to the Trade Agent as salary in 1109 ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Rs. 500 per mensem.

MR. E. V KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : So, am I to understand from this that Rs. 7-13-0 alone was spent on the Sales Depot in 1109 ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : The whole staff was not appointed in 1109. Only the Trade Agent's establishment was included.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : In view of that, may I know what is the item represented by Rs. 7-13-0 ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : I have not got this detail with me now.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*) : The answer to part (*a*) says :

1109	...	Rs. 507-13-0.
1110 up to the end of 7/1110	...	Rs. 1,416-10-6

I heard the official member saying that the establishment of the Sales Depot in Bombay was started towards the close of 1109. So, I wish to know whether this Rs. 507-13-0 represents the pay of the Agent also in 1109.

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : The answer to part (*a*) is clear on the point.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : Does the answer given in (*a*) include the expenses incurred for the parties by the Agent ? (*Laughter*)

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : No.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : May I know, what is the pay of the Trade Agent at present ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Rs. 350.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : Why was the pay of the Agent reduced ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : As per his agreement he is also allowed a commission just to induce sales.

MR. K. PADMANABHAN (*Chirayinkil I*) : So, am I to take it from the member that over and above the present salary, he is paid a decent commission also ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : Yes.

MR. POTTAYIL S. KRISHNA PANICKER (*Shertala II*) : What was the amount actually paid as a salary to the Trade Agent in 1109 ?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) : I claim notice.

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MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Am I to take it from the member that the reduced pay plus commission awarded to the Agent should not exceed the original pay of Rs. 500?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The pay plus commission may go up to Rs. 500. But after he makes up the Rs. 500 per mensem the balance commission will have to be divided between the Agent and the Government.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*): Is that a condition?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Is that to be the idea of Government hereafter?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): Yes.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Was not the Agent given B. Rs. 500 per mensem towards his salary?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): May be.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): Then is not the figure given here *viz.*, Rs. 500-13-0 due to the conversion of British rupees into Sirkar rupees?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): May be.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala I*): Is the Sales Depot in Bombay a paying concern for the State so far?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*) That is a question to be decided by the people who get the benefit of the advertisement etc.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Does the amount of Rs. 1,446-10-6 include the pay of the Trade Agent or is it exclusive of it?

MR. N. K PANDMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): That refers to expenses towards the establishment.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): So, the pay of the Trade Agent is not included in that item?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): No.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur* cum *Pattanapuram*): Why was it not included?

MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): The Trade Agent was not in charge of the Sales Depot but he is the Trade Agent for Travancore.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Changanachery I*): Was any agent appointed for 1109?

MR N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Director of Industries*): None except Mr. Kanji Dwaraka Das.

P. W. D. tolls.

16. *MR. N. E. VARUGHESE (*Tiruvalla I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount collected by the P. W. D. toll contractors as toll on bullock carts in the years 1108 and 1109?

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